

REMARKS

The Office Action of August 29, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully considered. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-captioned application.

It is noted that the Examiner has not accepted the drawings in any of the previous Office Actions, Applicants respectfully request that the drawings be indicated as acceptable in the subsequent correspondence.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 32 and 35 have been indicated as allowable. Because these claims are the only independent claims now pending, the application is in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 16, 23, 33, and 36 are pending in the application and either depend, or have been amended to depend, from independent claims 32 and 35. Claims 4, 6, 7, 11-13, 17, 21, 25, and 27-29, which were previously withdrawn as non-elected claims, have been canceled. Claims 1, 8, 9, 14, 18-20, 22, 24, and 26 were previously canceled. By this amendment, claims 30, 31 and 34 have also been canceled. New claims 37-51, which depend from allowed claims 32 or 35 have been added by this amendment.

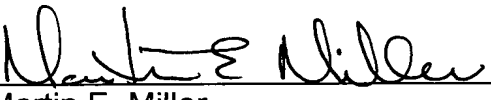
Claims 2, 3, 5, and 10 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 32. New claims 37-40, which depend from allowed claim 35, correspond to claims 2, 3, 5, and 10. Claims 33 and 36 have been amended to depend from allowed claims 32 and 35, respectively. Claims 15, 16, 23 have been amended to depend from amended claim 33. New claims 41-43, which depend from amended claim 36, correspond to claims 15, 16, and 23. No new matter has been added.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner believe a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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